## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION

MELISSA DIANE ROYAL,

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Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:21-cv-00041

v.

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KILOLO KIJAKAZI,

Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

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Defendant.

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## ORDER

Upon consideration of Plaintiff's petition for attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), and Defendant's response,

IT IS HEREBYORDERED that <u>Amelia N. Patton, Esquire</u> is awarded an attorney's fee under the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), in the amount of \$13,749.75 (or 25% of Plaintiff's past-due benefits, whichever is less). Plaintiff's counsel will reimburse Plaintiff any fees [s]he previously received under the Equal Access Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

Signed: December 20, 2023

Graham C. Mullen

United States District Judge